



AGENDA
ATHENS CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026 AT 7:00 PM

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Committees:

• **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

- Hugh White Honda Annexation (zoning recommendation from the Planning Commission)
- 317 Board (Dairy Lane zoning recommendation from the Planning Commission)
- Liquor Permit TREX Transfer (102 West Union Street)

• **TRANSPORTATION**

- Intergovernmental Agreement with Athens Township for Control & Maintenance of Theatre Lane
- Municipal Parking Garage (free parking on certain dates in December)
- Suspend Continuous Parking in Same Location Regulation (12/13/26 - 1/10/27)

• **CITY & SAFETY SERVICES**

- Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Establishment of Streetlight Utility

• **FINANCE AND PERSONNEL**

- Hiring Freeze
- Authorize Auditor to Reduce 2026 Year-End Appropriations
- Appropriations
- Interfund Transfers
- Then & Now Certificates
- Internet Auction (for obsolete municipal personal property)

Call to Order

Establish Quorum

Approval of Agenda

Communications

Reports and Communications from Other Elected Officials

Ordinances for Second Reading:

0-01-26

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL RIGHT-OF-WAY USE PERMIT AT 35 ELLIOTT STREET TO PLACE AN IN-GROUND SIGN IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING IN THE CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY.

Introduced by Council Member Swank

0-02-26

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL PURCHASE OF WATER SOFTENING SALT FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

Introduced by Council Member Isherwood

0-03-26

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2026 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 120-25, AND AUTHORIZING INTERFUND TRANSFERS.

Introduced by Council Member Thomas

Ordinances for First Reading:

0-04-26

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO REDUCE 2026 YEAR-END APPROPRIATIONS.

Introduced by Council Member Thomas

0-05-26

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO MAKE INTERFUND TRANSFERS.

Introduced by Council Member Thomas

0-06-26

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THEN-AND-NOW CERTIFICATES FOR PAYMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

0-07-26

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING UNNEEDED OR OBSOLETE MUNICIPAL PERSONAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD BY INTERNET AUCTION.

Introduced by Council Member Thomas

0-08-26

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ATHENS COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF ATHENS.

Introduced by Council Member Isherwood

One-Reading Resolution:

- **R-03-26**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS INSTITUTE A HIRING FREEZE FOR ALL FULL-TIME POSITIONS UNTIL A POSITION REVIEW HAS TAKEN PLACE.

Introduced by Council Member Thomas

Announcements & Other Business

Opportunity for Citizens to Speak on Legislative Items and City Services Not Covered on the Agenda

Adjournment

Micah McCarey
President of Council

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0-01-26

Introduced by Alan Swank, Chair
Planning & Development Committee

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL RIGHT-OF-WAY USE PERMIT AT 35 ELLIOTT STREET TO PLACE AN IN-GROUND SIGN IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING IN THE CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO:

SECTION I: Having satisfactorily met the regulations established pursuant to Title 49, Management, Administration, and Control of the Use of the City's Public Rights-of-Way, a special right-of-way use permit is hereby granted at 35 Elliott Street, owner, TAM-ASM Properties, LLC, by and through Robert Prebe Uptown Realty Group, LLC, applicant, to place an in-ground sign in front of the building in the City's right-of-way, as attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION II: Owner TAM-ASM Properties, LLC, shall agree to indemnify, and save the City of Athens harmless from all claims, demands, costs, expenses, real estate taxes, if any, and compensation which might arise from the encroachment of permittee upon property of the City of Athens that is the subject of this ordinance.

SECTION III: Said permit shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. This special right-of-way permit is personal in nature and will be in effect for a maximum of seven (7) years from the date of issuance unless revoked by City Council ordinance, or there is a change of ownership or use, whichever comes first.
2. Owner TAM-ASM Properties, LLC, shall be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of said right-of-way.

SECTION IV: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect at the earliest moment permitted by law upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

President of Council

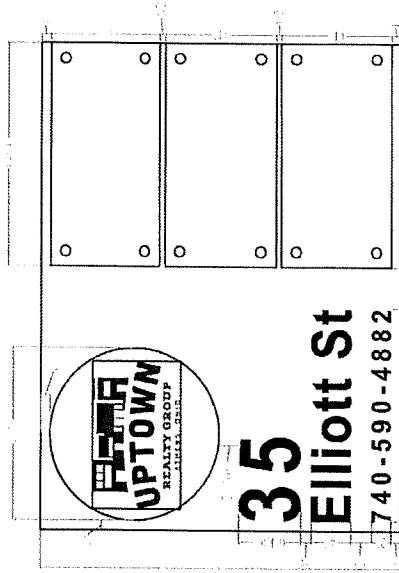
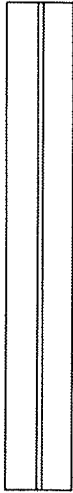
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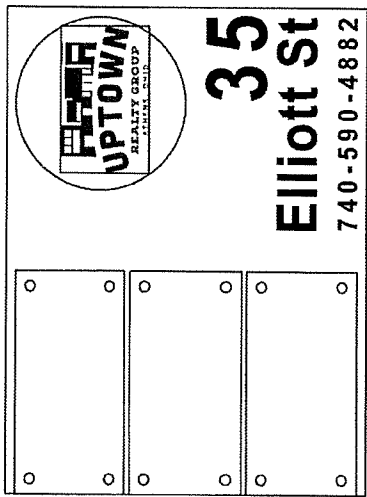
Clerk of Council

Mayor

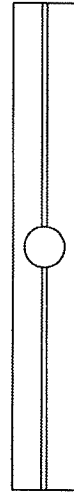
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FRONT/
BACK



SIDE VIEW



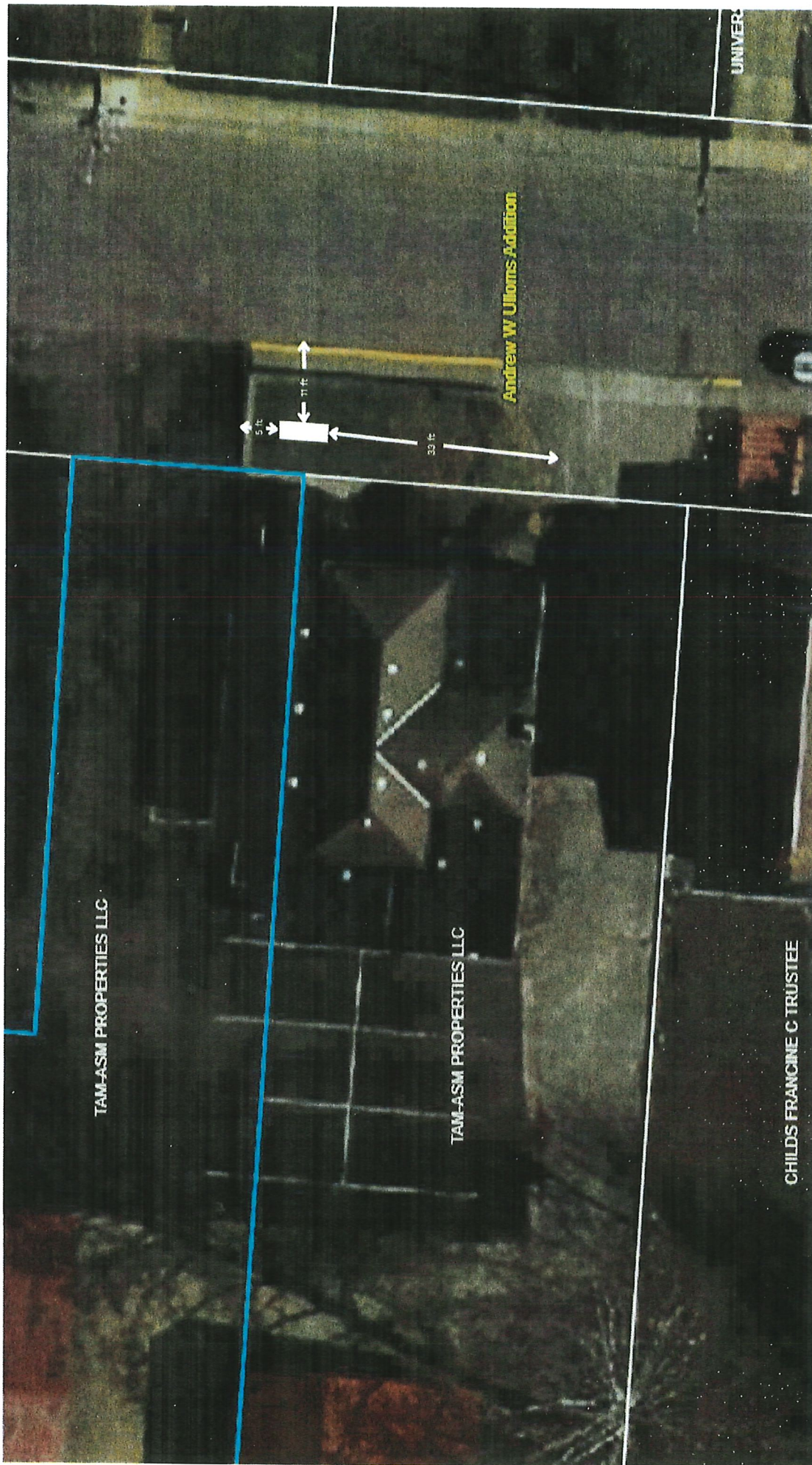
BOTTOM VIEW

APPROVER NOTE:
PLEASE INDICATE THE
HEIGHT OF THE POST
AND IF THERE IS AN EMBED
OR SURFACE MOUNT PLATE.

- POST: ALUM. BLACK
- FINISH: ALL AROUND
- POWDER COATED: FROSTED GRAPE
- PERFORMANCE SIGN DESIGNS
- 100% POLYURETHANE FINISH, HEALTHY.
- ALUMINUM MATERIAL

DATE	REVISIONS
1/1/2023	FOR APPROVAL

AC GREEN	
PROJECT NAME	35 ELLIOTT ST. SIGN
LOCATION	ATLANTA, GA
DRAWN BY	ACG
CHECKED BY	CUG
DWG NAME	OVERALL
DWG NUMBER	4001



0-02-26

Introduced by Paul Isherwood, Chair
City & Safety Services Committee

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL PURCHASE OF WATER
SOFTENING SALT FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO:

SECTION I: The Service-Safety Director is hereby authorized to advertise and accept bids, where necessary, and enter into contract with the lowest and best bidder for the purchase of the City's annual water softening salt for the Water Treatment Plant.

SECTION II: The Service-Safety Director is hereby authorized to expend up to Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$230,000.00) from Water Fund, Plant, 740.637, T.C. 300, for said purchase.

SECTION III: This Ordinance shall be in effect and full force upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

Mayor

0-03-26

Introduced by Jessica Thomas, Chair
Finance & Personnel Committee

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2026 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 120-25,
AND AUTHORIZING INTERFUND TRANSFERS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO:

SECTION I: The 2026 Appropriation Ordinance 120-25 is hereby amended by appropriating from the unappropriated balance the following sums:

Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Eleven and 84/100 Dollars (\$12,511.84) to General Fund, Fire, 101-208 T.C. 500, for State Fire Marshall grant funds;

Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to APR Income Tax Fund, 273, T.C. 500, for pool skimmer repairs;

Two Hundred Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$214,000.00) to General Fund, Other Administrative, 101.120, T.C. 600, for transfer; and

One Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Dollars (\$161,000.00) to Capital Improvements Fund, 580, T.C. 600, for transfer, and increasing the total appropriations by said amounts.

SECTION II: The Auditor is hereby authorized to make the following interfund transfer:

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
General Fund, Other Admin., 101.120	ACIC Fund, 906	\$214,000.00
Capital Improvements Fund, 580	ACIC Fund, 906	\$161,000.00

SECTION III: The 2026 Appropriation Ordinance 120-25 is further amended by appropriating from the unappropriated balance the sum of Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000.00) to ACIC Fund, 906, T.C. 300, for final payment on the Armory, and increasing the total appropriations by said amount.

SECTION IV: This Ordinance shall be in effect and full force upon passage and approval by the Mayor.

President of Council

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Clerk of Council

Mayor

0-04-26

Introduced by Jessica Thomas, Chair
Finance & Personnel Committee

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO REDUCE 2026 YEAR-END APPROPRIATIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO:

SECTION I: The Auditor is hereby authorized to reduce the 2026 appropriations where anticipated receipts are not adequate and, when combined with the carry forward balance, not sufficient to approve the full appropriation of funds.

SECTION II: The Auditor shall coordinate reductions with the Administration in advance to facilitate proper planning for delivering reduced services to the public.

SECTION III: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect at the earliest moment permitted by law upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

President of Council

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Clerk of Council

Mayor

0-05-26

Introduced by Jessica Thomas, Chair
Finance & Personnel Committee

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2026 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 120-25;
AND AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO MAKE INTERFUND TRANSFERS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO:

SECTION I: The 2026 Appropriation Ordinance 120-25 is hereby amended by appropriating from the unappropriated balance the following sums:

Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to General Fund, Lands & Buildings, 101.112, T.C. 300, for vehicle lease payment;

Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) to Water Fund, Administration, 740.636, T.C. 300, for Le-Ax Water Agreement; and

Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to Sewer Fund, Administration, 750.636, T.C. 300, to cover the payment for SmartBill Mailers and Meter Administration fees, and increasing the total appropriations by said amount.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO:

SECTION I: The 2026 Appropriation Ordinance 120-25 is hereby amended to appropriate from the unappropriated balance the following sums:

SECTION I: The Auditor is hereby authorized to make the following interfund transfers:

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
General Fund, 101	Cemetery Fund, 210	\$ 73,000.00
Parking Garage Fund, 730	Parking Garage Debt Fund, 733	\$160,000.00
Water Fund, 740	WTP Improvement Fund, 744	\$400,000.00

SECTION II: This Ordinance shall be in effect and full force upon passage and approval by the Mayor.

President of Council

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Clerk of Council

Mayor

0-06-26

Introduced by Jessica Thomas, Chair
Finance & Personnel Committee

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THEN-AND-NOW CERTIFICATES FOR PAYMENT;
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO:

SECTION I: An Ordinance authorizing the following Then-and-Now
Certificates for payment:

AEP in the amount of \$3,005.62; utilities;
Columbia Gas in the amount of \$3,852.91; utilities;
Everbridge in the amount of \$6,365.40; emergency notifications;
Enterprise in the amount of \$30,412.28; vehicle leasing;
Go 2 IT Group in the amount of \$14,865.00, network maintenance;
Granicus in the amount of \$18,669.66, website streaming;
ID Networks in the amount of \$6,894.00, maintenance fee;
PEP in the amount of \$5,000.00, deductible; and
Rumpke in the amount of \$3,443.00, services.

SECTION II: This Ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for
the preservation of the health, welfare, and safety of the residents of the City of
Athens, Ohio, in order to maintain fiscal integrity, and it shall be in full force and effect
upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

President of Council

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Clerk of Council

Mayor

0-07-26

Introduced by Jessica Thomas, Chair
Finance & Personnel Committee

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING UNNEEDED OR OBSOLETE MUNICIPAL
PERSONAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD BY INTERNET AUCTION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO:

SECTION I: Athens City Council, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 721.15(D), hereby authorizes the Service-Safety Director, or their designee, to enter into an agreement with a government auction service to conduct Internet Auctions for the selling of unneeded or obsolete municipal personal property, and shall require the bidder to pay all fees, taxes, and charges. Auction items will be advertised for no less than ten (10) days, including Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.

SECTION II: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect at the earliest moment permitted by law upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

President of Council

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Clerk of Council

Mayor

0-08-26

Introduced by Paul Isherwood, Chair
City & Safety Services Committee

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ATHENS COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF ATHENS.**

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Athens, Athens County, Ohio, recognizes that natural and human-caused hazards pose a continuing threat to life, health, safety, property, critical infrastructure, and the economic stability of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390), as amended, requires local governments to adopt a Hazard Mitigation Plan approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a condition of eligibility for certain federal and state hazard mitigation assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, Athens County has developed and updated the Athens County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, which identifies hazards affecting the county and participating jurisdictions, assesses risks and vulnerabilities, and outlines mitigation strategies to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Athens participated in the development of the Athens County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and has reviewed the mitigation actions applicable to its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Athens County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been reviewed by the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency and has received approval pending adoption;

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, ATHENS
COUNTY, OHIO:**

SECTION I: The City of Athens hereby adopts, in its entirety, the Athens County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

SECTION II: The City of Athens agrees to participate in the implementation and maintenance of the Hazard Mitigation Plan and to pursue mitigation actions, as appropriate, as resources permit.

SECTION III: The Athens County Emergency Management Agency is authorized to submit this legislation and all required documentation to the Ohio Emergency Management Agency for transmittal to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

SECTION IV: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect at the earliest moment permitted by law upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

President of Council

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Clerk of Council

Mayor

R-03-26

Introduced by Jessica Thomas, Chair
Finance & Personnel Committee

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS INSTITUTE A HIRING FREEZE FOR ALL FULL-TIME POSITIONS UNTIL A POSITION REVIEW HAS TAKEN PLACE.

WHEREAS, to prevent our General Fund balance from dropping below our Cash Balance Policy minimum and to ensure the Medical Fund maintains the necessary cash on hand to meet all obligations, vacant positions should be carefully reviewed prior to filling in order to alleviate any need for a reduction in force, while at the same time recognizing that some vacant positions will, by necessity, be advertised and filled;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATHENS, OHIO:

SECTION I: City Council hereby requests all elected officials institute a hiring freeze for all full-time positions until a position review has taken place. This policy shall remain in effect until December 31, 2026.

SECTION II: This Resolution shall be in effect and full force upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

APPROVED:

Mayor